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The Research Committee on Comparative Judicial Studies (IPSA RC #9) is one of 38 active research committees of the International Political Science Association. Our purpose is to promote scholarly work on law, courts, and judicial processes from a comparative perspective. Ultimately, we seek to bring the study of the various dimensions of judicial systems within the mainstream of comparative political research. RC #9 encourages comparative research on judicial systems and the participation of scholars in our program regardless of the disciplinary origins and commitments of those who do the research.

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Jerusalem Meeting June 25-28, 2001

Final Program
Interim Meeting
Research Committee on
Comparative Judicial Studies,
IPSA

Convenor:

Professor Menachem Hofnung, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Site:

Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Welcoming Remarks: Menachem Hofnung, Hebrew University

Keynote Address: Shlomo Avineri, Hebrew University, "Israel: Constitutional Order Without a Constitution"

Panel I. Inter-institutional Competition

Chair: Margit Cohn, Hebrew University

Papers:

Edward Fitzgerald, Wright State University, "Red Wolves and Migratory Birds: Institutional Competition"

Patrick Schmidt, University of Oxford, and Paul Martin, University of Cambridge, "The Relative Capacity of Courts in the Policy Process: Does the Internet Change Things?"

Tom DeLuca, Fordham University, "The Role of Judicial Review in China and the U.S."

Panel II. Human Rights in Comparative Perspective

Chair: Judith Gillespie, Budapest University of Economics University at Albany

Papers:

Robin Adler, Northeastern University, "The Meaning of Effective Assistance of Counsel in Criminal Proceedings: Canada and the United States"

James Walker, Wright State University, and Jan Konya, U.S. District Court, "Differential Rates of Imposition of Capital Punishment among American States: Testing the Salience Hypothesis"

Gad Barzali, Tel Aviv University, "Do Justice Make Justice? On the Limits of Liberalism in Multicultural Settings"

Panel III. Human Rights in Israel

Chair: Margit Cohn, Hebrew University

Papers:

Eyal Benvenisti, Hebrew University, "An Evaluation of Judicial Responses to Persistent Unequal Allocation of Public Resources in Israel"

David Kretzmer, Hebrew University, "Judicial Review of House Demolitions in the Occupied Territories"

Sandy Kedar, Haifa University, "The Role of High Courts in the Creation and Transformation of Settlers' Land Regime: Preliminary Observations"

Panel IV. Judicial Independence

Papers:

Samuel Krislov, Budapest University of Economics University of Minnesota, "Comparative Judicial Independence"

Shimon Shetreet, Hebrew University, "Judicial Independence and Human Rights"

Panel V. Judicial Politics and Electoral Politics

Chair: Menachem Hofnung, Hebrew University

Papers:

Yoav Dotan, Hebrew University and Menachem Hofnung, Hebrew University, "Electoral Politics in the High Court of Justice: Israel"

Herbert Alexander, University of Southern California (Emeritus), "Expert Witnessing in Campaign Finance Litigation"

Leslie Sebba, Hebrew University, "The Persecution of Public Figures in Israel, Comparative Perspective"

Panel VI. Building Legal Regimes

Chair: Lilach Assael, Hebrew University

Papers:

Gordon Silverstein, University of Minnesota, "Globalization and the Rule of Law: A Machine that Runs Itself?"

Ilan Peleg, Lafayette College, "Historical Transformations of Ethnic Constitutional Orders: Establishing a Pluralist Rights Regime"

Announcements

Request for New Publications

Members are invited to forward information about new books and articles that would be of interest to scholars in the field of comparative law and courts. This information will be included on the website. Send a brief abstract along with full bibliographic information to Professor Michael Tolley, Secretary.

Future Meetings Research Committee on Comparative Judicial Studies (Fort Worth, Texas—March 18-20, 2002)

Call for Papers and Panels

Paper and panel proposals for the Texas Meeting of the Research Committee on Comparative Judicial Studies should be sent to Professor Mary L. Volcansek by **December 1, 2001**. Her address is:

Professor Mary L. Volcansek, Dean, AddRan College of Humanities and Social Sciences, P.O. Box 297200, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas 76129 USA (fax-817-257-7709; Ph.-817-257-7160) m.volcansek@tcu.edu

Mary Volcansek and Don Jackson of Texas Christian University, John Blakeman of Baylor University, and Neal Tate of the University of North Texas will host this meeting.

Below are some panel/theme suggestions that would be good for comparative studies:

Courts and Religious Liberty
Courts and Sports
Courts and Civil Society
Courts and Democratization
Courts and Aboriginal Claims
Courts and Administrative Law
Domestic Courts and War
Crimes Tribunals

Other Calls for Papers:

Western Political Science Association Meeting

The Western Political Science Association would like to extend an invitation to all members of the RCCJS to participate in our annual meeting, March 22-24, 2002, at the Long Beach Hilton, Long Beach, California. All papers and roundtables on matters concerning law and courts are welcome. Panels featuring persons who take different methodological approaches to some common topic (how do proponents of attitudinal, strategic and historical institutionalist approaches understand recent judicial developments in the United States and abroad) are particularly welcome.

Proposals should be sent to Professor Mark A. Graber, 3140 Tydings Hall, Government Department, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20910 (mgraber@gvpt.umd.edu)

Southwestern Political Science Association Meeting

The Southwestern Political Science Association will hold its annual meeting March 27-30, 2002, at the Fairmont Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana. The theme of the conference is "Moving Forward: The Challenge of Diversity." All scholars from all fields are invited to participate. The proposal deadline is October 15, 2001. For more information, contact Lonna Atkeson at atkeson@umn.edu.

Symposia

Short articles on subjects related to comparative judicial studies are welcome. Please contact the Mary Volcansek if you have ideas about symposia to be published in future issues of *The Docket*.

New Web Site

Visit the new home of the RC #9 web site www.casdn.neu.edu/~polisci/CJS/CJS.htm

If there are announcements you would like posted on this web site, please forward that information to: m.tolley@neu.edu

Requests for Membership Dues and Information Update

In an effort to update RC #9's Membership file, please send the following information, along with your check (\$10.00 USD) for membership dues, to Michael Tolley, 303 Meserve Hall, Northeastern University, Boston, MA 02115: Name, Office Mailing Address, Office Phone, Fax, E-mail Address. The annual dues are \$10.00. Make checks payable to "Research Committee on Comparative Judicial Studies."

Special Tribute

The members of the Research Committee on Comparative Judicial Studies wish to thank the past president, Professor Ted Morton of the University of Calgary, and the past secretary, Professor Donald Jackson of Texas Christian University, for their dedication and commitment to this organization.

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Important Dates:

**December 1, 2001 Deadline For Submitting Proposals for the
Interim Meeting—Fort Worth, Texas**

**March 18-20, 2002 Interim Meeting of the Research Committee
on Comparative Judicial Studies—Fort Worth, Texas**